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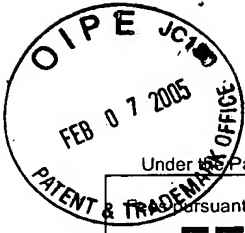
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description		Small Entity	
		Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent		50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent		200	100
Multiple dependent claims		36	180
Total Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
27	-20 or HP 7	x \$50.00	= \$350.00
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20			
Indep. Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
6	- 3 or HP 3	\$200.00	\$600.00
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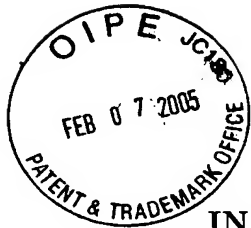
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M/S Amendment

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 4, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action is set to expire on February 4, 2005. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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